The Ministry's programme is being implemented through state implementing agencies who are required to submit proposals along with detailed project reports for electrification of these villages. Up to 90% of the project costs, subject to specified benchmarks is provided as subsidy by the Ministry.

(c) The Ministry has been allocated an amount of Rs. 735 crores for the 10th Plan period for its Remote Village Electrification Programme.

Power generated from solid waste

1817. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a project to generate power from the methane produced from domestic waste at dumping sites in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of the project, indicating its cost, the amount of solid waste to be generated and utilized per day; and

(c) whether there are proposals to set up such plants based on the solid waste generated in different towns in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and other States also, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) and (b) No project has so far been installed for generating power from domestic waste through production of methane at dumping site in Delhi.

(c) A 5 MW project based on biomethanation of Municipal Solid Wastes has been installed at Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh but its commissioning to full capacity has been stalled on account of certain operational problems. No other proposal to set up such projects in other cities has so far been received.

Funds allocation for Rural Electrification in Andhra Pradesh

1818. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded schemes for electrification of remote villages through Non-Conventional Energy Sources to the Central Government;

(b) if so, the total number of such proposal alongwith the amount involved therein;

(c) the action being taken thereon; and

(d) the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded to these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (d) There is no proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh for electrification of unelectrified remote villages through non-conventional energy sources under Remote Village Electrification programme of the Ministry. However, proposals for 5 villages have been sent by the state for taking up test projects under Ministry's Village Energy Security Programme which is being implemented in remote unelectrified villages for meeting all the energy needs of the village including cooking, lighting and motive power. Out of these, 1 project with MNES CFA of Rs. 18.18 lakhs has so far been sanctioned.

Loans for production of solar energy in Andhra Pradesh

1819. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of loans disbursed for production of solar energy in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years; and

(b) the details of non-payment of loans of companies and the action taken on them including penalties for the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) The Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) and seven Nationalized Banks have disbursed loans of about Rs. 1.07 crore and Rs. 2.70 crore respectively for setting up of solar energy systems in Andhra Pradesh during 2003-04 and 2004-05.

(b) No company to whom loans have been disbursed during last two years is reported to be defaulting. However, there are eight defaulting companies from those which had taken loans earlier from IREDA. Requisite steps for recovery of these defaulting loans have already been